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Syria-USSR Treaty

TASS carried the text of the Syria-USSR "Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation" signed by Presidents Leonid Brezhnev and Hafiz al-Asad in Moscow on 8 October, the first day of Al-Asad's visit to the Soviet Union. Articles 6 and 10 of the treaty deal directly with security and military cooperation between the two countries. According to TASS, they read as follows:

Article 6. "In cases of the emergence of situations jeopardizing peace or security of one of the parties or posing a threat to peace or violating peace and security in the whole world, the high contracting parties shall enter without delay into contact with each other with a view to coordinating their positions and to cooperation in order to remove the threat that has arisen and to restore the peace."

Article 10. "The high contracting parties shall continue to develop cooperation in the military field on the basis of appropriate agreements concluded between them in the interests of strengthening their defense capacity."

Other parts of the 15-article treaty provide in general for the development of relations in the "political, economic, military, scientific, technological, cultural and other spheres" and for "tireless struggle" against "colonialism, racism and Zionism." The treaty also states that the Soviet Union will "respect" Syria's policy of nonalignment and that Syria in turn will respect the "peaceful foreign policy" pursued by the USSR. The treaty is to last for 20 years and is renewable for 5-year periods thereafter providing one of the parties does not give the required 6-month advance notification of its wish to terminate it.

The document makes no mention of the impending merger of Syria and Libya and its implications in regard to the treaty.

According to Moscow radio, the talks preceding the signing of the treaty were attended on the Soviet side by Leonid Brezhnev, Nikolay Tikonov, Andrey Gromoyko, Boris Ponomarev, Ivan Arkhipov and Nikolay Ogarkov and on the Syrian side by Hafiz al-Asad, 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm and other officials in the Syrian party. Damascus radio reported that the talks were held in a "frank and friendly" atmosphere and that the two sides were in "agreement" on all the topics discussed.

In a banquet speech reported by Damascus radio, President al-Asad said the "documents" just signed represent a "qualitative change" in Soviet-Syrian ties and provide a "framework for special relations" between the two countries. He declared that cooperation between the USSR and Syria "must quickly expand to cover every activity."

King Husayn's USSR Visit

King Husayn, in an interview carried by Amman television, confirmed that his visit to the USSR is still scheduled, saying that the date was fixed "some time ago." He said it is important under the "current circumstances to exchange views with the Soviet leadership on all matters," including bilateral relations, Arab-Soviet ties and the USSR's "attitude toward the region." Jerusalem radio earlier reported that King Husayn had postponed his visit to the Soviet Union in view of reports of a Soviet offer of military aid to Iran.

Reaction to Christopher Statement--King Husayn, in his interview carried by Amman television, responded to a question concerning Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher's "warning to Jordan not to intervene directly in support of Iraq" by saying that Jordan's "opinions and stands" are "principled" ones and that it expects others to "respect" them. He said Jordan is defending its convictions "in the face of any developments."

The Baghdad paper ATH-THAWRAH, in an editorial reported by INA, called Christopher's statement an "impudent threat couched as advice" and an "intervention" in the affairs of the region which escalates the "extremely sensitive" situation in the gulf. The paper accused the United States of trying to "regain the role of policeman" in the Middle East and "wondered" who gave it the right to speak on behalf of the peoples of the gulf region. The Ba'th Party organ said U.S. attempts to "infiltrate" the area and "woo" the Iranian Government with "ammunition and supplies" intensify the crisis in the region and "encourage counterintervention without need or pretext."

Jordanian Role--According to INA, an official Iraqi spokesman "categorically asserted" that Jordan has not taken part in any military action against Iran and that the Iraqi Government has not asked Jordan or any other country to do so. The spokesman also "warned" of the possiblity that Israel would use the Iraq-Iran war as a pretext to "internationalize" the conflict and attack Jordan.

Speaking to a BBC television correspondent, King Husayn affirmed that he has no "imminent" plans to send Jordanian troops to the Iraq-Iran front, but said he would "not hesitate" to do so as Jordan fully supports Iraq in the crisis. The Israeli press agency ITIM reported that the Jordanians feel as though they are in a "state of war" because the authorities have already ordered the construction of bomb shelters, mobilized refrigerated vehicles and told citizens to paint their vehicle headlights blue, and because "essential foods" have been disappearing from stores and the country is experiencing an unparalleled rise in prices of all goods.

Beheshti Statement--According to AFP, Ayatollah Beheshti stated that the Soviet Union had offered Iran not only weapons but "every kind of cooperation." However, he went on to accuse the USSR, as well as the United States, of being bent upon the destruction of the Iranian Islamic Revolution. Beheshti also declared that Iran is not "isolated" in the world, as it has maintained friendly relations with a number of countries and maintains the support of "many groups" throughout the world. In at least two recent interviews President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has deplored Iran's diplomatic isolation and stated that it has hindered the Iranian war effort. AFP also reported Beheshti as saying that the United States should realize that Iran cannot be "pressured" into dealing with the hostage problem. Tehran radio's Arabic service carried a report on the Beheshti remarks which did not include the latter comment.

Cancellation of Bakhtiar Appearance--Paris radio reported that former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpur Bakhtiar had been asked by the French Foreign Ministry not to appear on the radio's 8 October "Facing the Public" program. In an interview with the radio, Bakhtiar confirmed that the Quai d'Orsay had advised him that the French Government wanted him to "abstain from making statements." Bakhtiar said he complied with the request but stated he might now "choose another country of asylum where I shall have a little more freedom."

Military Situation--Monitored Iraqi and Iranian media reported no major advances on the ground but INA claimed that Iraqi forces had captured "huge depots" contining 5,000 tons of American-made weapons, including missiles, antiaircraft and antitank rockets, medium and light machineguns, rifles, revolvers and handgrenades. The Iraqi General Command, in communiques carried by Baghdad radio and the Voice of the Masses beam, reported that Iraqi planes had attacked military targets, fuel depots and radar sites near Dezful, Ar-Reza'iyeh, Dehloran, Khaneh and Jimmi 'Ardar. A statement issued by the Iranian Joint Staff, carried by Tehran radio, further reported that the Iraqis had bombarded Dezful with ground-to-ground missiles weighing 2,000 kg each. The Iraqi communiques also reported Iranian air raids on civilian and economic targets in Kirkuk, Al-'Amarah, Kayzan and As-Sulamaniyah.

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SPOKESMAN DENIES AP REPORT ON INDIAN AID TO IRAQ

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[Text] Statement by the official spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs on October 8, 1980:

We have seen in the press an AP news item datelined Washington "Aid Flotilla on Way To Iraq." This item claims to "certain unnamed and unspecified U.S. officials" obviously located in Washington who had made the allegation that ships from India, Eastern Europe and Lebanon are being diverted to Jordan, carrying food, cement, radio batteries and "possibly" military spare parts so as to assist Iraq.

This is a patently mischievous item totally baseless and designed to convey a wrong impression of India's policy. India is not taking any sides in this tragic conflict. India has the best of relations with both Iran and Iraq and sincerely wishes that the problems can be resolved peacefully.

AFP: IRAQI PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ENVOY ARRIVES IN DELHI

BK121337 Hong Kong AFP in English 1215 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] New Delhi, 8 Oct (AFP)--Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's special envoy Jasim Muhammad al-Khalaf arrived here today. During his stay in New Delhi, Mr al-Khalaf, who is also Iraq's minister for high education and scientific research, will call on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and will explain his country's position in its conflict with Iran. Iran's special envoy Dr Shams Ardakani visited the Indian capital last month and delivered a message, which explained Iran's stand on the conflict, to Mrs Gandhi from his country's top leadership.

DELHI COMMENTATOR REVIEWS OUTCOME OF REDDY'S USSR VISIT

BK081312 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1010 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Anant Charlu commentary]

[Text] The relations between independent India and the Soviet Union are by now more than 30 years old. The two countries have come closer and closer with the passage of time. Frequent exchange of visits between the leaders of both nations over the last quarter century helped in building durable bridges of understanding and President Sanjiva Reddy's recent week-long visit to the Soviet Union was another landmark in the expanding field of Soviet-India relations.

It was essentially a good will visit. During his numerous engagements in Moscow, Leningrad, Volgagrad and Tbilisi, President Reddy effectively conveyed to the Soviet people and their leaders how greatly the Indian people and their government valued friendship with the Soviet Union. Underscoring the point that India-Soviet relations are inspired by common commitment to peace and are directed against none, President Reddy said they serve as a model for sovereign countries wishing to work in close cooperation despite differences in socio-economic systems.

Commitment to world peace is a matter of deep conviction to both the countries. The president in one of his speeches referred to it and said there was need today for both the Soviet Union and India to come to the origin of their statehood for the real sources of inspiration. Lenin and Mahatama Gandhi had a vision of peace and social justice and liberation of oppressed people. Mr Reddy recalled Lenin's keen interest in India's fight for freedom and its crucial importance in the world struggle against all forms of imperialism and colonialism.

Lessening of tensions in the world and the strengthening of the forces of peace has been the recurring theme in the speeches the president delivered on important occasions like the special convocation of the Moscow State University, which conferred on him an honorary doctorate, and later at a function to celebrate Mahatama Gandhi's 111th birth anniversary. Expressing the hope that the power and wisdom of the Soviet Union would be deployed to make the world a better and harmonious place to live in, Mr Reddy noted that the world today has become a very complex and dangerous place. Detente, under pressure, was being eroded. New centers of tension had emerged, notably in West Asia, South Asia and Southwest Asia. India's approach to these problems has been welcomed by the Soviet Union. President Brezhnev in fact made repeated references to Russia's appreciation of India's foreign policy.

Mr Brezhnev and Mr Reddy expressed the hope that the conflict between Iran and Iraq would be soon resolved and peace restored. Specific solutions to various international problems are likely to be discussed when President Brezhnev visits India during the winter. Both leaders noted with great satisfaction that efforts made by India and the Soviet Union to strengthen their relations had not only resulted in mutual benefit, but also contributed toward stability and peace in the world.

Talks were mostly confined to generalities, except on one issue of immediate importance to India--that is, oil. The issue came up during discussions between the two presidents, but was discussed in greater detail the following day by Petroleum Minister Virendra Patil, who accompanied the president as the minister in waiting. The Soviet Union promised to consider sympathetically India's case. Further talks in this connection will be held in New Delhi next month when a Soviet delegation is scheduled to visit India.

President Sanjiva Reddy's mainly being a good will visit, its impact should be assessed mainly in terms of the greater understanding that has been created and the better resulting appreciation of each other's sentiments and sensibilities.

GANDHI SPEAKS TO PARTY MEMBERS ON HARMONY, DEMOCRACY

BK081630 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] The prime minister has cautioned people against pernicious rumors being spread by some elements to incite communal harmony [as heard]. She described the need to restore complete communal harmony as the most urgent task before the country.

Mrs Gandhi was addressing the 3-day orientation seminar of her party members of Parliament at (Baskar) lake near Delhi today. She said some people in the opposition are known to be provoking people on communal grounds and urged her partymen to combat such activities vigorously.

The prime minister categorically refuted the charge that her government was drifting. She said her party has clear objectives and policies, though it may be slow in moving forward toward achieving them. Such opposition propaganda and rumour mongering must be countered. In this connection, she also referred to rumours being spread about her health.

The prime minister emphasized that democracy is the only system that could run a country like India. The success of this system, she said, depends on how it is worked, but she could not understand the plea that democracy could be better run with a consensus. Mrs Gandhi said there can be consensus on some subjects like the need for communal harmony, but how can this be done by political parties with diagonally [as heard] opposing ideologies on issues like socialism and secularism, she asked.

She pointed out that one major factor which led to the failure of the Janata Party was that it consisted of disparate groups with different ideologies. She did not also agree with the theory that the courts were the only custodian of democracy. Mrs Gandhi said any attempt to whittle down the power of Parliament will lead to the erosion of democracy. She said though democracy has taken roots in India, the growing habit of personal denigration will strike at its root. This tendency was not limited only to opposition, but was found sometimes even in her own party. Congressmen should not criticize themselves or their government openly, but they can do so freely within the party itself. There was nothing undemocratic about it in a party system. She made it clear that she was not shutting out criticism.

Another point the prime minister made was the supreme importance of discipline in a democracy. She urged the opposition to observe the rules of the game. Democracy and cheap politics do not mix; street fights cannot be equated with the right to democracy. There can be no rights without corresponding duties, Mrs Gandhi remarked.

HOME MINISTER CHARGES ARMS SMUGGLED IN FROM PAKISTAN, PRC

BK081618 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Yogendra Makwana disclosed today that nearly 40 illegal factories producing arms have been unearthed in Bihar alone since the start of trouble in Uttar Pradesh last August. He told PRESS TRUST OF INDIA in New Delhi that the states have been asked to launch a special drive to seize illegal arms and ammunition. He said many of the weapons seized were smuggled into the country from China, Burma and Pakistan. To check the arms smuggling, the customs and the Border Security Force have also been alerted, he added.

Mr Makwana said that he is satisfied that the situation in Moradabad and other towns is now completely under control.

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POWER ACCORD WITH NEPAL--India and Nepal have agreed to set up power stations on either side of the border on the Mahakali River, reports All-India Radio. The river flows through western Nepal into India as the Sharda River. The agreement was arrived at after preliminary discussions in Katmandu between the two countries on the Peacheshwar project. India has agreed to spend 7.4 million rupees on preliminary investigations. [Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 0844 GMT 9 Oct 80 BK]

POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM--A 132-kv power transmission system from Nepal to India has been completed by the National Hydroelectric Power Coorporation within a record time of 3 years. This will meet the power requirements of north Bihar from the Gandak hydropower station at Surajpur in Nepal. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 7 Oct 80 BK]

KARACHI DAWN COMMENTS ON ZIAUL HAQ-CARTER TALKS

BK081053 Karachi DAWN in English 5 Oct 80 p 7

[Editorial: "Zia-Carter Talks"]

[Text] President Carter's statement after his meeting with President Ziaul Haq on Friday [3 October], reaffirming the importance of Pakistan's independence, freedom and security for the United States, is of great significance. President Zia's meeting with the U.S. chief executive, the first since the eruption of the Afghan crisis which has changed the geopolitical situation in Southwest Asia, has no doubt far-reaching implications for the peoples of the region. The identity of views that has emerged from the talks could prove to be a vital element in the search for peace and stability in the area. Not that Washington has not perceived Islamabad's security in a similar light before, but the timing of President Carter's statement gives it a new dimension. In February, Mr Brzezinski also had reiterated his government's firm and enduring commitment to Pakistan's independence, but it might be recalled that the Brzezinski visit had not led to a period of very close cooperation as some had anticipated, given the two countries' common perception of the Afghan issue. In fact, soon thereafter the government of Pakistan had rejected the American offer of aid worth $400 million. Moreover, Pakistan had also expressed its dissatisfaction with the status of the American commitment to its security made in 1959, to which President Carter has referred once again. The commitment is embodied in an executive agreement that requires the U.S. to help Pakistan in the event of an attack, subject to constitutional procedures, and the American administration has on more than one occasion affirmed that the agreement has to be submitted to the Congress to convert it into a binding treaty. Ever since, the Pakistan Government has also reiterated its commitment to a period of non-alignment.

Given this background, if President Carter has still deemed it to be in American interest to reiterate his concern for Pakistan's security, this clearly goes to confirm the strategic position this country occupies in the region. Given the crisis in Afghanistan and the gulf region, it is in the interest of international peace and stability that Pakistan's defence and security be strengthened while giving due respect to its non-aligned and Islamic status. President Carter's endorsement of President Zia's role as a spokesman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference [OIC] and of his goodwill mission to Tehran and Baghdad is to be welcomed. Thus, it can be expected that the OIC's active interest in bringing an early end to the tragic Iran-Iraq conflict would forestall the possibility of super-power intervention in this strategically located area on which depends the peace and security of the whole world.

What is equally important is that the American perception of the Afghanistan situation remains unchanged. By calling for the unconditional withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, President Carter has adopted a position which is close to that of the Pakistan Government and the Islamic conference. The diplomatic support Washington has extended to Pakistan vis-a-vis the Afghan crisis and the humanitarian assistance it has provided for the Afghan refugees should help to strengthen the forces of peace and stability in this crisis-ridden region. In this context, the talks Mr Agha Shahi had with Mr Gromyko in New York last week are quite meaningful. They underline the desire on both sides to reach a peaceful settlement in spite of the basic differences in their approach. However, it is obvious that whatever modalities might be adopted to initiate negotiations between Afghanistan and its neighbours, the basic principles of withdrawal of foreign troops from that country and nonintervention by outside powers will have to be recognised and respected by both the super-powers.

UN ENVOY REITERATES GOVERNMENT POSITION ON KASHMIR ISSUE

BK071053 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1000 GMT 7 Oct 80

[Text] At the United Nations, Pakistan has reiterated its resolve to seek a final settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir issue with India in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolution in the spirit of the Simla agreement. Addressing the General Assembly, Pakistan's permanent representative Niaz A. Naik said such a settlement would complete the process of normalization of relations between India and Pakistan and would usher in an era of durable peace in the South Asia subcontinent. He was replying to a speech by Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao on Friday in which he criticised the Pakistan president's reference to the Jammu and Kashmir issue in his address to the General Assembly on 1 October. Niaz A. Naik described the comment of the Indian foreign minister as unwarranted and regrettable. He said the Simla agreement had made it clear that the relations between the two countries had made it clear that the relations between the two countries should be governed by principles and provisions of the UN Charter under which it is the obligation of the member countries to solve their disputes by peaceful means according to article 33 of the UN Charter. He said that under the Simla agreement both sides had agreed that neither side will make any change in the situation unilaterally until a final solution of any issue has been reached. This also applies to the final solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute.

AID AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH FRG IN ISLAMABAD

GF081820 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 8 Oct 80

[All figures as heard]

[Text] Pakistan and West Germany signed an agreement in Islamabad today whereby Pakistan will receive 614 million rupees as financial aid for 1980-81. Of this sum, (?168 million) rupees will be allocated to purchase commodities, 111 million rupees will be used to buy railway equipment and (?135 million) rupees will be used to provide funds for the [word indistinct] provinces. West Germany will also provide 84 million rupees in grants. This will be used to provide food for Afghan refugees. Total aid will amount to 810 million rupees during the year. The agreement was signed after 4-day bilateral economic consultations between a German mission and Pakistani officials.

OVER 1 MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES NOW IN PAKISTAN

WA090954 Karachi DAWN in English 29 Sep 80 p 6

[Text] Geneva, 28 Sep (AFP)--The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported here on Friday that 1,151,448 Afghan refugees have now taken asylum in Pakistan.

The Commissioner's office said that 921,212 of the refugees were concentrated in the North West Frontier Province area, while 198,760 were in Baluchistan. The remainder were in areas to the south.

BRIEFS

AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE--Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan, Pakistan's ambassador in Moscow, has been appointed Pakistan's ambassador to France. [Text] [Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 6 Oct 80 BK]

RAJA'I CHAIRS 6-HOUR CABINET SESSION ON WAR

LD090434 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Text] According to our morning correspondent, yesterday at 1800 a session of the Cabinet was held, chaired by Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i, the prime minister. At this session, which lasted for 6 hours, the important issues of the country and the war between Iran and the mercenaries of the Ba'thist regime of Iraq were discussed.

At this session various suggestions were made by the Ministries of Health, Commerce, the State Organization for Administration and Employment Affairs, and Tehran municipality. The suggestions were approved.

The Cabinet at yesterday's session approved, in view of the formation of the state welfare organization, that the word "welfare" be dropped from the title of the Ministry of Health.

RAJA'I PARTICIPATES IN MAJLIS COMMITTEE SESSIONS

LD081718 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Oct 80

Text] According to a PARS report, this morning Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i took part in the meetings of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Article 90 Committee of the Islamic Consultative Assembly. In these meetings the coordination of government policies with the Islamic Consultative Assembly and the government statement concerning correspondence with various departments were discussed and investigated.

RAJA'I INTERVIEWED ON POLICIES REGARDING WAR

LD090936 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0120 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Interview with Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i by unidentified reporter on 8 October in Tehran--recorded]

[Text] [Question] Following the interview with President Dr Abolhasan Bani-Sadr in which he discussed various issues of the country, including the propaganda being made by the world's mass media and the situation in the battlefields, we had the opportunity to interview Mr Raja'i, the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I will present my questions to him and ask his excellency to answer them.

Your Excellency Raja'i, bearing in mind that at present we must have a [word indistinct] foreign policy [word indistinct] and the Islamic Revolution of Iran and its foreign policy must be dynamic, may I ask you to explain to our dear viewers what measures your government has adopted in this connection, or what programs are being implemented.

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Regarding foreign policy, despite our main problem in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, fortunately as far as we have been able to we have taken a series of measures which are briefly as follows:

All our charges d'affaires in 92 foreign countries have made contacts with the ambassadors and the political officials of those countries and have explained our position to them. Our charges have asked them to express their views about this war. We have received their reports and more or less they have been published in the press.

We have also attended the UN General Assembly, which is being held. We have sent our representatives and God willing, they will explain at the assembly what is necessary in this situation. The position of Iran and what has happened in this period must be explained to the Security Council. God willing, we will attend that session as well, but I would like to mention the fact that in our relations with foreign countries in general we have only heard statements. You know well that in general these foreign countries think of their own interests. The question whether we are right and to what extent Iraqi is aggressive, and how to handle this aggression...[Raja'i leaves sentence unfinished]

At the meetings I have had with the ambassadors and representatives of foreign countries, all of them say: Well, you better accept the cease-fire so that we can talk to them, regardless of the fact that Iraq has committed an aggression, regardless of the fact that we were leading normal lives and suddenly we woke up and saw that all of our airports, economic and industrial institutions, and our defenseless people had come under attack. They do not pay attention to us when we say: This government is aggressive, you must go and ask the aggressor why he has attacked and tell him not to attack anymore, to stop shooting, to stop bombardments. Our 1- or 2-year old babies are in hospitals which have been brought under shelling and the fire of tanks; there are youngsters in hospitals who have lost their eyes, their hands, their feet. However, they do not pay any attention. They come and say: You stop the war so that we can sit and negotiate.

Another measure we will take in the near future is the dispatch of a high-ranking delegation to revolutionary and Muslim countries. They will explain the position of the Islamic Republic in more detail to the countries whose hearts are with us and which have appreciated our Islamic Revolution, God willing.

[Question] Mr Prime Minister, as reflected in the press, radio and television, there have been continuous efforts by Western and Eastern bloc countries to contact Your Excellency and to have negotiations with us. I would like to ask Your Excellency what the relationship between us and the countries of the Eastern and Western blocs will be like in connection with the foreign policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and with regard to the criteria and circumstances that the constitution of our country has specified.

[Answer] Well, regarding foreign politicians, particularly the two great superpowers which are always in question and about which we usually talk, they thought in the beginning: Very well, the issue is clear; Iraq will achieve its cruel and inhumane wish--which is to massacre our people and to gain the position of hero of the Arabs. They kept silent for a while. Now they make contacts with us through various channels and make suggestions, talk, and occasionally suggest some kind of relations which is only meant to divert us from the firm position we have in connection with the Islamic Revolution. With the blessing of the Islamic Revolution we have reached the policy of neither East, nor West. We have not created this policy only as a street slogan; we have created it precisely for such a difficult situation, when we are being put under pressure.

For this reason we insisted then that, as the imam had said so well, we will neither follow a pro-West nor pro-East policy. We have said that everywhere. We have put forward this whenever either of them has come to us, and we have raised this in our negotiations.

Therefore, they think that now that we are under pressure it is the opportunity for diverting the republic from this clear and resolute policy which has been raised by the imam and has been confirmed by a majority, nearly unanimous, of our people. Therefore, our position regarding these contacts is the very principle of the Islamic Revolution. Of course, second- and third-class countries have also come to us and have mainly tried to see our position. They have not suggested any particular relationship or suggestion, except for what they recommend to [word indistinct] country.

[Question] Mr Prime Minister, one of the wonderful phenomena we saw in the course of the revolution, and in particular recently in the clashes between Iran and Iraq, was the solidarity between the people and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic. What is your opinion of the invitation by the army for the mobilization of the people; and what is your interpretation?

[Answer] This phenomenon has become a blessing for the Islamic Republic, and this is one of the characteristics of a revolutionary people. When people face any problem, if they are ordinary and defeated people they always see the negative side of it. The people who are in agreement and revolutionary see the positive side. We are using this phenomenon. Indeed our people in this confrontation have taken the positive side of it. Instead of crying, expressing worries and talking about the things which probably are scarce in society, whenever we go they appeal to us: Sir, we are ready to go to the battlefield; we are prepared to cooperate with the army and go to the front with it. You definitely have heard the news to this effect, in the newspapers as well as on radio and television. The people's attitude has been very good. Their readiness is excellent. What has even caused some trouble for the army is that any brother who applies for doing his service expects to be sent to the battlefield immediately. This is really very interesting; it shows that, despite our enemies' notion, the people's interest and their faith in this revolution increases every day. Even now that 2 years have passed from the beginning of the revolution, they are still willing to offer to the revolution their best existence, which is their lives, in order for the revolution to remain stable.

I seize this opportunity to give the message our brothers in the army have asked us to deliver to these friends: Brothers, participation in the war is not only shooting and standing in the frontline. War has various stages, in all of which we must be active; namely, even the person who bakes bread for the soldier in times of war is fighting. One does not necessarily have to have a machinegun or an RPG-7 in his hands to be considered a fighter. Therefore, the brothers who are putting garrisons under pressure and demanding that they be organized and taken to the front must know that we do not live for the sake of war. We were trying to reconstruct our country and then an aggressive and infidel thug came and forced us to fight. When we were preparing to receive brothers and start their training and give them enough equipment, we thought that 10,000 people would apply at most but today it was said that around 100,000 people have applied. This, while giving utmost pleasure and hope, makes it slightly difficult for the army to provide equipment and ammunition.

My requests consist of several parts:

1. When you arrive at garrisons note the capacity of the army, note the conditions prevailing in the army.

2. After you have been trained, accept what the army says, do not think: O, a group of soldiers are being killed in the war and we are only bandaging in hospitals; or we are only patrolling around an ammunition store to guard the weapons, or so on.

These services are not part of the war in appearance but in times of war all these movements are part of the war. I will even go further and say that all of you who are carrying out activities in relation to the war are in the war. The only person who is not fighting is the one who does not accept responsibility under this scheme. Those who do not accept responsibilities are certainly not in the war, and those who accept responsibility are in the war, even if they are ministers, even if they are teachers, even if they are workers who are working in a mine so that as a result of their work we can run a factory and as a result of that factory we can have military equipment, as a result of which we can, God willing, bury this aggressor in our soil and rid the people of Iraq of this cruel and blasphemous infidel of history, God willing.

KHOMEYNI RECEIVES ANTI-REGIME IRAQIS, KERMANSHAH GOVERNOR

Remarks to Iraqis

LD081132 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Excerpts] According to PARS, a group of 50 young Iraqi revolutionary and Muslim people who have completed a course of military training in Tehran this morning met with Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. During the meeting, the imam of the nation addressed the following brief remarks to them: [read by announcer]

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. God willing, the all-blessed Almighty God will give you strength to rid your country of this filthy person. God is with you, and you will be victorious, and this regime is doomed, God willing.

According to the report, following the meeting, the young militant Iraqis left for the battlefronts to join the courageous Iranian warriors at the fronts of the battle of right against wrong and to overthrow the traitorous Saddam.

Meeting With Kermanshah Governor

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[Text] According to PARS, Gholam 'Abbas Zare, who has recently been appointed as governor general of Kermanshah by the Interior Ministry, was received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, before departure for his new area of assignment. The imam issued certain guidance.

BEHESHTI HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE ON WAR, FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Relations With U.S., Iraq

JN090613 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0400 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Text] Ayatollah Dr Beheshti, president of the Supreme Court, has held a radio and television press conference in which he answered questions posed by journalists.

On shah Husayn's activity in support of Saddam Husayn's regime, on America's warning against the expansion of the war between Iran and Iraq, on the (?unloading) of Soviet arms in Amman and Aden harbor and on the repercussions of the war which Iraq has imposed on Iran, Ayatollah Dr Beheshti said: Unquestionably, no nation likes war and bloodshed. If any people are attacked, however, they go to the battlefield happily, courageously and with sacrifice to repulse the enemy's attack on their homeland. Hence, all we want now is to deal a blow to the Iraqi aggression.

On the dispatches of news agency correspondents, Ayatollah Dr Beheshti said: If these correspondents give a true picture of events, they will not face any difficulties in doing their job.

If their reports are contrary to reality, however, it is natural for the government to take quick action against them.

Answering a question which said that while the Soviet Union is supplying Iraq with arms, it has been reiterated that the U.S. Government has helped the Iranian Government in order to keep a government like the one in Afghanistan from assuming power in Iran, Ayatollah Dr Beheshti said: The U.S. Government has not supported our revolutionary government at all. It the U.S. Government had not been hostile to our revolution, it would not have carried out hostile acts against the revolution during the months that followed the revolution's success, both before and after the occupation of the den of U.S. espionage in Tehran. If the big powers, out of fear of one another, adopt certain specific stands, this does not concern us. We are an independent Muslim people and live according to Islam.

Dr Beheshti added that the presence of foreign forces in the Strait of Hormuz is an illogical act contrary to norms. We have announced that we want this international waterway to remain open.

On supplying arms to our people, Dr Beheshti said: Ways of providing and manufacturing arms needed by our people in their heroic defense are not closed to us. He added: The U.S. Government, the usurper Zionist entity and the other allies of imperialism and Zionism have carried out political maneuvers regarding these events but we have sufficient experience regarding such maneuvers and will not be deceived. All nations in the world know that continuation of this war would be harmful to everybody. It is natural for these peoples to express anxiety over the continuation of this war. What our people are conducting is not war but legitimate and sacred defense of their soil and objectives.

On a possible union [ettehad] among Syria, Libya and Iran, Dr Beheshti said: We have cordial and fraternal relations with Syria, Algeria, Palestine and other countries. This, in itself, is a kind of union. If what is intended is giving an official political character to this union, it is not easy at all to voice an opinion on this subject, since it has various aspects which require negotiations and exchange of viewpoints with these states.

On negotiations between Iran and Iraq, the president of the Supreme Court said: The Iranian Government has openly announced that the aggressors must withdraw from Iranian territory. We will not deal with aggressors except by force. The aggressive forces have suffered a major defeat in Khuzestan and their position in the Ilam-Kermanshah axis is bad. Negotiations are meaningless. When they are pushed beyond our border we will then decide what we should do with those who committed aggression against our land and caused destruction.

Soviet Aid, U.S. Hostages

NC081321 Paris AFP in English 1317 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Tehran, 8 Oct (AFP)--The Soviet Union recently offered Iran not only weapons "but every kind of cooperation," Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti said today, but he accused the Soviet Union and the United States of being bent on destroying the Islamic Revolution.

Speaking at a news conference, the leader of the fundamentalist Islamic Republican Party said Iran believed that relations with foreign countries should be based on full independence. He said he did not believe Iran was isolated. The country maintained friendly relations with many nations, and there were many groups throughout the world ready to support the Islamic Republic, he said. The war with Iraq would go on until all Iraqi troops had been booted out of Iran, he said, adding that the nation was fighting for its territory and its ideals.

Asked whether the war might put pressure on Iran to resolve the problem of the 52 U.S. hostages held here since November 4, Ayatollah Beheshti said that the United States should now realize that Iran would never be pressured into dealing with the hostage problem.

AFP: DELEGATION TO PLEAD IRAN'S CASE BEFORE UN

NC090821 Paris AFP in English 0813 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Text] Tehran, 9 Oct (AFP)-- A 17-man Iranian delegation led by Iran's ambassador to Kuwait, Shams Ardekani, is to go to New York to put the country's case in the gulf war at the United Nations, press reports said here today.

The newspaper KEYHAN quoted Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Jamshid Haqgan as blaming Iran's diplomatic isolation on the absence of coordinated foreign policy and on the country's failure to participate in international politics. The New Iranian Government, formed last month, has yet to appoint a new foreign minister to suceed Sadeq Qotbzadeh. Mr Haqgan suggested that Iran should have used every facility available to propagate its cause in the international arena, the paper said. Failure to do this had enabled Iraq to take advantage of the vacuum and wage a propaganda war against Iran.

Three days ago Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr also called on television for Iran to emerge from its "diplomatic isolation." It was the first time in history that no one had supported a victim of international aggression, he said. Iranians should reflect and realize that "our words and our slogans satisfy no one but ourselves," Mr Bani-Sadr said. They should show that "enemy propaganda" was lies so that the world "would again have the good opinion it had at the start of the Iranian revolution."

A fortnight ago the UN Security Council called for a ceasefire and negotiations between Iran and Iraq, but did not demand a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Iranian territory. Former Iranian Ambassador to the UN Mansur Farhang was also recently quoted as saying that Iran's refusal to take into account international opinion had resulted in the country's diplomatic isolation.

BAKHTIAR EXPLAINS NONAPPEARANCE ON FRENCH PROGRAM

LD081320 Paris Domestic Service in French 1200 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Summary] Shahpur Bakhtiar has been asked not to appear on the program "Facing the Public" this evening.

Listen to the explanations which the former prime minister of Iran gave us himself on the telephone this morning.

[Begin Bakhtiar recording] "[Words indistinct] it was the Quai d'Orsay directly which, on the order of the minister, Mr Francois-Poncet, who probably has a very independent and very efficient policy, told me we are obliged to tell you that the French Government would like you to abstain from making statements. The director-general--I am sorry not to give you his name, you will easily be able to guess it yourself--telephoned me to tell me: Monsieur, we have had high level contacts and so forth, and we strongly advise you not to do this and that--your status as a political refugee--anyway, things like that. So I said: Well, listen, monsieur, as regards tomorrow's program, I apologize to the organizers. That is all that I can do, telling them the truth.

"As regards my personal position I shall think about it for a few days. Perhaps I shall choose another country of asylum where I shall have a little more freedom." [end recording]

REPORT ON U.S. MILITARY DELEGATION IN SAUDI ARABIA CITED

GF081352 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1300 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] The ASSOCIATED PRESS reports that 20 U.S. military experts have arrived in Saudi Arabia to complete the organization of the Saudi defense system. The United States had supplied Saudi Arabia with sophisticated ground and airborne radar systems. AP says that Gen (John Theotrosky), an air defense expert, leads the U.S. military delegation.

FOREIGN MINISTRY ON U.S. BLACK MUSLIMS' SUFFERINGS

LD041234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 4 Oct 80

[Text] The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the basis of reports received from Washington, has announced: Since the beginning of the victory of the Islamic Revolution of Iran up till now, the pressure exerted by the American Government and that country's police organizations on Islamic societies and associations and loyal Muslims supporting the Islamic Revolution of Iran, has escalated daily. For instance, recently police officials and the FBI arrested these people and imprisoned them on different pretexts, thus violating the rights of our Black Muslim brothers and sisters, adding another disgrace to Carter's human rights policy.

The imperialist Government of America might succeed in imprisoning and putting various kinds of pressure on struggling Black Muslim in that country, charging them with supporting Imam Khomeyni and Islam, but it will never be able to obstruct the path of other Islamic revolutions in the world. The best example of these plots is the recent war against the Islamic Republic of Iran imposed on by the infidel regime in Iraq and helped by world-devouring imperialism, America. It has turned out to be in the interests of the oppressed nation and the worldwide Islamic Revolution. The Muslim nation, with all its might, supports the Black Muslim brothers who are under pressure in that country and prays for their success in helping the Islamic Revolution.

PARS REPORTS ASSAULT ON IRANIAN COUPLE IN CALIFORNIA

GF081628 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1600 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] PARS reports that California immigration officers--without disclosing their identities--attacked the home of an Iranian couple who support Muslim student societies in the United States and Canada. They asked the couple unjustifiable questions, beat them and insulted them.

As a result of the couple's shouts for help, two policemen arrived at the scene of the incident. As soon as they saw the immigration officers they joined them in beating the Iranian student couple and then led them to the Immigration Department and then to prison.

The wife was released yesterday afternoon. She still suffers from the effect of the beating, and marks can be seen on her. Her husband is still a prisoner in U.S. fascist jails.

TEHRAN RADIO: U.S. ARMS, SYMPATHY NOT NEEDED

JN040610 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0510 GMT 4 Oct 80

[Unattributed talk]

[Text] At last the beloved ones met again in public after years of secret relations.

At last and after the failure of all efforts to shroud the old relations in secrecy--relations between the Zionist agent, Saddam and his clique on the one hand and his old master, the United States--the foreign minister, the obedient slave of his master Saddam, left for Washington to meet publicly with his friend Edmund Muskie. The slave foreign minister sought urgent help to save the Baghdad clique from the predicament caused by his master, the arch-Satan.

At the same time, U.S. sources declared that Washington is concerned over the fate of the Iranian Government and that it views with sympathy the question of helping Iran with experts and arms.

How strange their stand. They want to give us arms to fight them with these arms. The entire world is aware that our war against the frivolous clique in Baghdad is a war against the United States. It was the United States which provoked this war. It has been a losing game from the beginning. We tell Washington: Thank you for this sympathetic stand and for the fake high ethics. If the frivolous regime in Baghdad sought your help at its time of weakness and need, we seek only God, who said: "Ye who believe! If ye will aid the cause of God, he will aid you, and plant your feet firmly."

COMMENTARY EXPLORES SADDAM HUSAYN'S OBJECTIVES IN WAR

JN081322 Tehran International Service in Arabic 0925 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Brothers, the imperialist aggression, which the Saddam clique has unleashed against the Islamic Republic of Iran, has [as heard] achieved the objectives which were drawn up for it in London, Washington and Tel Aviv. Let those who are not aware realize that the imperialist-Saddam aggression against the Islamic Republic has [as heard] achieved the objectives which were set in London, Washington and Tel Aviv.

What are these objectives? On the Iraqi-Iranian level, these set objectives are: first, to involve the Islamic Revolution in peripheral battles, in order to exhaust its strength and thus achieve the goals of the U.S., European and Japanese economic boycott which has been imposed on Iran; and second, force the Islamic Revolution to relinquish its neither East nor West policy in an attempt to return it to the subservient state which existed prior to the revolution's triumph.

On the Arab level, the objectives of the Saddam aggression are: 1) fabricating justifications for removing Iraq from the battlefront with Israel; 2) weakening the eastern front of confrontation with the Zionist entity; 3) paving the way for its joining the Camp David accords; 4) assuming the appearance of being a strong agent which is competent to play the role of the traitorous shah in the region; and 5) bolstering the stand of the pro-U.S. states in the region and mobilizing their elements, in order to confront the Islamic Revolution which is escalating in the Islamic world in general, and the region in particular.

On the Iraqi domestic level, the objectives of the Saddam aggression are: 1) covering up the differences and conflicts within the regional and national commands on several fateful issues: Saddam's one-man rule and his exercising of individual dictatorship; and 2) quelling internal opposition, which is represented by the Islamic national progressive organizations and parties, under the guise of Iraq's involvement in an external war.

These are the objectives which Saddam wishes to achieve through waging an imperialist war against Iran--objectives designed by London, Washington and Tel Aviv.

However, the calculations of traitorous rulers are always upset by deadly faults and gaps. Indeed, only one of these faults or gaps would prove sufficient to doom all these calculations to failure. This will actually be proved in the coming days.

COMMENTARY: UK RESPONSIBLE FOR JORDAN'S SUPPORT OF IRAQ

JN082348 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Station commentary]

[Text] Reports say that King Husayn plans to send 40,000 soldiers to aid Saddam and protect his regime and that the White House has advised the king not to use American weapons in the war which Saddam is waging against Islam in Iran.

We feel that it is our duty to advise King Husayn and tell him: Gently, O king; do not go beyond the orders given you by Thatcher during your last meeting with her. Just carry out her orders without over enthusiasm.

Thatcher has ordered you to be ready to go to Saddam's aid when his regime collapses. Well, it is about to collapse. She advised you to preserve your throne and to suppress the faithful in Az-Zarqa if they try to rebel. She also advised you to crush any revolutionary movement within the Muslim Jordanian Army.

Thatcher ordered you to do all that. Therefore, why the over enthusiasm? Why did you go beyond your limits, making the United States suspect that Britain is competing for influence over Iraq?

The dispatch of your armed forces to the Iraqi border has alerted the United States to Britain's concern over Saddam's government and Britain's readiness to dispatch its forces to Iraq via Jordan.

The White House was disturbed, so it warned Jordan against entering the war on the Iraqi side. This is not out of a desire to neutralize the Arab states. No, never. The U.S. position on Jordan is well-known. Its fleets are already in the Persian Gulf. It is a direct party to the war.

The United States has warned you, O king of Jordan, because the White House experts and analysts know that Saddam's regime is about to collapse and that Britain might resort to another agent. That agent might be you, King Husayn, or someone else. The U.S. warning to you is not for your sake or for the sake of the Muslim people and armies whom Saddam involved in this filthy chauvinsitic war. The U.S. warning was part of the power struggle and rivalry between imperialist interests within the one capitalist camp.

A thousand congratulations to you, Saddam, for calling on King Husayn for help only a few days after his visit to Thatcher. You are using him to strike at Islam. Where is your false claim that you belong to the Muslim Iraqi people? The facts are known. Do you know what will happen to your army? What can King Husayn do for you against the 35 million Muslims who are ready to fight at the first signal from the imam, the leader of the Islamic nation, and who are backed by millions of other Muslims, who are waiting for a shari'a ruling from the imam to begin the jihad against unbelief?

What can Britain do for you against all these millions? What more can the United States do for you than what it has done for the shah? Go on plotting and using all traitors, agents and the correspondents of the mercenary press. All this is useless and will only turn against you and your collaborators.

TEHRAN RADIO CALLS ON IRAQI WORKERS TO STRIKE

JN032012 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1924 GMT 3 Oct 80

[Text] Brothers, strikes are a holy war against the Ba'th. Without resorting to strikes, Iraq will remain as a U.S. imperialist state, a den for fomenting plots and a big prison for the masses. If the people determine to live, then they must resort to strikes and must refrain from paying taxes. Only then will the Ba'th fade and the people triumph.

FRG CITIZENS EVACUATED VIA USSR BEFORE TEHRAN CLOSES ROUTE

LD081840 Hamburg DPA in German 1805 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Tehran, 8 Oct (DPA)--With some hours delay, a Soviet ship carrying 120 Germans today left the port of Bandar-e Anzali in northern Iran for Baku. It is believed to be the first ship to evacuate Federal Germans who want to leave Iran because of the Iranian-Iraqi war. A second ship chartered by the German Embassy in cooperation with the Soviet Embassy was to have left on Saturday, but it was said today that the Iranians have banned the departure of foreign nationals via the Soviet Union. German Embassy sources intimated that there would be no further ships. Germans and other foreigners who want to leave will have only the land routes via Turkey available. Lufthansa and Swissair have organized several coaches to take Germans and other foreign nationals to Turkey in the next few days.

KHOMEYNI REGIME SUPPORTED BY ISLAMIC GROUPS ABROAD

Iraqi Students in UK

GF040905 Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic 1845 GMT 3 Oct 80

[Text] In a letter to the leader of the world's oppressed, Imam Khomeyni, Iraqi students in Great Britain have declared their full support for the Islamic Revolution and the Iranian people in their struggle to destroy U.S. imperialism's and Zionism's lackey agent Ba'thist regime. The Iraqi students said in their message that U.S. imperialism is employing its last means against the great Islamic Revolution of Iran, following the failure of its previous plots and conspiracies. This time, U.S. imperialism has employed its agent Saddam and instructed him to launch his attacks against the borders of the Islamic Republic of Iran, killing unarmed innocents in an attempt to hinder the march of the Islamic Revolution. The Iraqi students living in London have expressed their full readiness to stand by the Iranian people in order to overthrow the regime of the traitor Saddam, as Imam Khomeyni said in his speech, in defense of the honor and glory of Islam.

Afghan Guerrillas

GF061729 Tehran International Service in Urdu 1315 GMT 6 Oct 80

[Text] A radio and television representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran has informed Zahedan [as heard] that the following statement has been issued by Afghan guerrillas of the Nimruz front:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. To the esteemed leader of Iran's Islamic Revolution, Imam Khomeyni; our dear brother Seyyed Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, president of the Republic of Iran; and the prime minister, brother Raja'i: Our struggle against the biggest power of the East, carried out hand in hand with the revolutionary army to defend our country from (?outside), has been continuing for the past 2 years.

The aggression by the hirelings of the East and West, whose eyes are blindfolded and whose ears are deaf, continues to pose a threat to the Islamic land. We, who belong to the western troops of Afghanistan and sympathize with the Islamic Revolution in Iran, support Imam Khomeyni and deem it our religious duty to join the Islamic forces in this sacred war against non-Muslims if the imam calls upon us to do so.

Indian Muslim Students

GF061740 Tehran International Service in Urdu 1315 GMT 6 Oct 80

[Text] Our representative in New Delhi reports that the Indian Students Islamic Movement announced complete support for its Iranian brothers and sisters in a letter delivered to the New Delhi office of Iranian radio and television. The letter says the Iraqi aggression against Iran is part of a series of sinister plans by the big powers to weaken the Muslim world and [word indistinct] the Islamic Revolution in Iran. These big powers have never felt pleased with development and prosperity of underdeveloped countries, and they have always tried to crush them.

The letter mentions that the war began when Iraq attacked Iran. World press and news agencies are supporting Iraq, thus isolating Iran. This proves that the big powers are conspiring against the revolution in Iran. These exploiting big powers are using Iraq for their own purposes. As a result, the Government of Iraq has become a stooge. It adds: We condemn this Ba'thist aggression against Iran and assure our Muslim mojahed brothers that we will continue to support them. We, the Muslims of India, pray to God Almighty for the victory of the righteous over the wrongdoers.

Lebanese Youth in UAE

GF082026 Tehran International Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Scores of Lebanese youths who are members of the Amal Movement and live in the UAE have delivered letters to the office of the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Dubai declaring their readiness to join the Islamic front in Iran and oppose the infidel government. In their letters, which are addressed to the leader of the Muslim nation and the idol-crusher Imam Khomeyni, the youths say: O leader of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, we await your instructions so that the world can see that we are ready to stand on the frontline against Saddam Yazid and At-Tikriti, the U.S. stooge, and shah Husayn, the suckling of Britain, alongside our Iranian brothers in order to immortalize the epic of the Karbala' martyrs.

Tudeh, Iraqi Communists in Rome

LD031645 Milan L'UNITA in Italian 30 Sep 80 p 15

[Unattributed report: "Tudeh and Iraqi Communist Party in Rome: They Are Attacking the Revolution"]

[Text] Rome--Representatives in Italy of the Iranian Tudeh Party and the Iraqi Communist Party have released a joint statement. It announces that "this war is not the Iraqi people's war on Iran and its revolution but the war of Iraq's Ba'thist Government and of its leader Saddam Husayn, who for their expansionist purposes are aiming to take the former shah's place as the world's gendarmes." "Saddam Husayn," the document continues, "has been planning this attack from the first days following the victory of the Iranian revolution, and to ensure its realization he began to intensify his repressive policy within Iraq, hitting out at all the democratic and revolutionary forces, especially the Iraqi Communist Party, using even military means over the past year. Even the Iraqi Kurds condemned this repressive policy and Saddam Husayn's answer was to launch another military attack, which is still underway, against them too."

Next, the Iraqi and Iranian communists jointly state that the Iraqi people do not accept this repressive government and do not want to lose the gains achieved through their revolution, and that the Iranian revolution supports all the liberation and independence struggles of the peoples of the area and the Middle East, especially the Palestinian struggle.

Having described the Iraqi attack as an attempt to split the Arab and Persian peoples, the documents states that "the Iranian revolution, with its anti-imperialist thrust, has damaged all imperialist interests, especially America's. This is why Iraq's war on Iran now offers U.S. imperialism the opportunity to further its reactionary plans. Indeed, the U.S. proposals to its allies to form an army in defense of their interests by controlling the Persian Gulf is proof of this."

The document concludes by stating that the Iraqi attack on Iran is "an attack directed against all the peoples of the Persian Gulf and the Middle East who are struggling for democracy and facilitates imperialism's attainment of its goals."

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF ISSUES STATEMENTS 151-157

151: Draftees' Salaries

LD081710 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 151 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. As the registration of reserve personnel who completed their military service in 1977 and as their allocation to armed forces units and battlefields requires some time, and as such personnel are mainly employed in state and private organizations, it is hereby announced in order to clarify their position that such employees and workers may continue working in their place of employment or their relevant organization from the time they report to the conscription centers until the time of their dispatch to the units, which has been specified on the reverse side of their registration cards by the conscription department. Governmental organizations and the private sector are dutybound to pay the salaries and bonuses of the said personnel up to the time of their dispatch and reporting to the units of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to reinstate those persons to the same jobs after completion of the operations and their release from service.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

152: Successes in Ahvaz Region

LD081700 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 152 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear struggling compatriots: Fighting personnel of the Airborne Division of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran succeeded in destroying five tanks, one antiaircraft fieldgun and a section of the enemy's artillery during yesterday's operations in Ahvaz region. Today, in the same region, the heroes of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran destroyed another section of the mercenary Iraqi forces' artillery and forced the enemy to retreat.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

153: Denial of BBC Report

LD081902 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1835 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 153 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Revolutionary and struggling compatriots: BBC radio has repeatedly shown its imperialist and Zionist nature. In its 1945 newscast it has once again carried an ill-intentioned lie about Iraqi claims on destroying ten helicopters belonging to the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically denies the abovementioned news and informs the Muslim nation of Iran that helicopters of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran are safe and their fighting pilots--enjoying high morale--are ready to carry out their holy duties toward the Muslim, revolutionary people.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

154: Ilam Achievements

LD082154 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 154 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear struggling compatriots: (?Units) of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the ground forces, the air force, the navy, the gendarmerie, the police force, the guards corps and other brothers who have been armed and have taken their positions alongside the armed forces, unified and together, continue to defned their Islamic country.

During the operations carried out on 5, 7 and 8 October, the brave fighters of the Airborne Division in Ilam region have altogether destroyed 35 tanks, 6 military vehicles, ammunition, fuel, 1 bulldozer, 3 artillery positions and 103 (?men) of the enemy forces.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

155: Thanks to Armed Forces

LD082144 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 155 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while thanking the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and dear compatriots who assist and help us in defending our Islamic country, thanks each of the personnel of the Gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran throughout the country, especially in the western and southwestern regions of the country, who are bravely fighting Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries and are creating legends in overcoming the infidels, and wishes everyone success in achieving the Islamic and revolutionary goal.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

156: Rocket Attack on Dezful

LD082200 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 156 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Vigilant and Muslim nation of Iran: According to reports, at 2300 Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries bombarded residential areas of Dezful with rockets and as a result a number of residences were destroyed and a large number of our compatriots who were asleep were martyred or injured. Compatriots will be informed of the casualties and damage inflicted in due course.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

157: More on Dezful Attack

LD090758 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Statement No 157 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Dear and revolutionary Iranian compatriots: Once again the blood-stained claws of the bloodthirsty Iraqi Ba'thist regime squeezed the throats of our innocent brothers, sisters and children in Dezful in the form of giant missiles. At 2300 last night four missiles were launched aginst Dezful city and [air force] base, as a result of which a number of houses were destroyed, 300 of Dezful city's strugglers and innocent people were injured and 60 of our dear compatriots were martyred. While commending the steadfastness of the heroic citizens of Dezful, we congratulate the Iranian nation and the imam of the nation on the martyrdom of the pure offspring of Islam and Iran.

Particulars of these missiles are as follows: length 9 meters; diameter 58 cm; weight 2,000 kg; range 60 km. The rockets are probably being launched from the Iraqi border. Dear citizens of Dezful, since there is a probability of renewed launching of these rockets by the mercenaries of the Iraqi Ba'th regime, the heroic inhabitants of Dezful are requested, as far as possible, to make use of concrete basements and shelters.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

TWO-WEEK CAR BAN LIFTED; GAS RATIONING INTRODUCED

LD081800 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Excerpts] According to the Central News Bureau, the following statement has been issued by the fuel and energy committee of the economic mobilization headquarters in connection with the country's gas distribution system:

In His exalted name. At the end of the 2 weeks of the revolutionary act [2-week ban on use of private cars] of the noble and fighting nation of Iran, our dear compatriots are thanked for their cooperation in saving gas and fuel, which was a great expression of selflessness, unity and solidarity with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The following gas distribution plan for the country is hereby brought to your attention:

1. After the end of the current mobilization plan, as from noon on Thursday, 9 October, when cars will again be allowed in designated areas, each private car will have 30 liters of gas issued once every month. Until special coupons are prepared, the driver's car ownership document will be punched.

2. All doctors will receive 90 liters of gas every month, in three stages, 30 liters each time in return for presenting their medical identification card and the car ownership documents; the car ownership document will be punched once each time.

ABADAN NIOC RADIO ISSUES RED ALERT 8 OCT

GF081547 Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian 1542 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] [sound of siren for 2 minutes] The sound you have just heard is that of red alert, which means an air raid is imminent. I repeat, the sound you have just heard means an air raid is imminent. This is Abadan NIOC Radio, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

AHVAZ RADIO ISSUES RED ALERT WARNING

GF081324 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1316 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] The siren you will hear denotes red alert conditions. Keep calm, leave your places of work and go to your shelters. An air raid is imminent.

White Conditions

GF081413 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1355 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Dear listeners: The siren you will be hearing is the announcement for white condition. This means there is no longer any danger of an air raid or the attack is over. [sound of siren] [This announcement was also carried on Abadan NIOC Radio at 1355 GMT.]

Red Alert Reissued

GF081540 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1530 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention, please pay attention: The siren you are about to hear means that the air raid is imminent. Stay calm, leave your places of work and go to your shelters. [sound of siren]

9 Oct Red Alert

GF091256 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1246 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Text] This is Ahvaz, the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Dear listeners, please pay attention: The siren you are about to hear is the red alert. There is a definite danger of an air attack. Remain calm. Leave your places of work and go to shelters. [sound of siren followed by red alert instructions]

KERMANSHAH ISSUES RED ALERT, ALL CLEAR

GF081608 Kermanshah Domestic Service in Persian 1555 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] [sound of siren for over 2 minutes] Dear listeners: the siren you have just heard denotes red alert conditions. Please go to a safe place and listen to your radios for further instructions.

[At 1605 GMT, the announcer proclaimed white conditions, lifting the red alert.]

KHALKHALI, OTHERS INTERVIEWED AT KHORRAMSHAHR FRONT

GF081245 [Editorial Report] Abadan NIOC Radio in Persian at 1500 GMT on 7 October broadcasts a 100-munite interview with Ayatollah Kholkhali and various other citizens recorded "today" in Khorramshahr and at the battlefront. The report begins with an interview with Ayatollah Khalkhali on the "Khorramshahr railway" on his way to the front. Khalkhali states that since the interview is being recorded at Khorramshahr railway station in the western part of the city, there is no ground for the false report on the fall of Khorramshahr broadcast by the BBC. He goes on: "As you can see, the Iraqis are retreating toward Shalamcheh and we are advancing. Khorramshahr is in our hands and there are no Iraqi soldiers as far as Pol-e Now."

Answering a question on the progress of Iranian troops, he stresses that the Iranians are advancing.

"On the road to Shalamcheh" the reporter asks a revolution guard about the situation at the front. The guard responds that the Iraqis are being heavily shelled and are retreating toward the border.

The reporter then speaks to a group of guards and soldiers at a post 3 km from Khorramshahr behind the front. The soldiers comment on the attacks against the Iraqis, saying that they have been able to push them back without any artillery and solely by using grenades and RPG-7's. They say that morale is very high and that the troops are moving forward with chants of "God is great." At this point the sound of what is apparently shelling can be heard in the background.

"Near the front" Khuzestan Governor General Gharazi comments on the Western attitude toward Iran. He states: "The West thought of us as a country led by a bunch of mullahs with no grassroot support." He condemns the Western countries for plots in Iran and accuses them of using Iraq as their puppet to attack Iran.

The reporter then talks to a soldier "on the front" and "during a battle," but no guns or other battle sounds can be heard. The soldier says that it is an honor for him to be fighting for Islam and reports that morale is very high. Another soldier further back from the front says that he went to the front emptyhanded but managed to help other brothers fight the Iraqis. According to him, the Iraqis have been pushed out of Khorramshahr. He points out some destroyed tanks in the area, telling the reporter that they belonged to the Iraqi Army. In answer to a question concerning the situation at the front, he says that the Iranians came back to regroup and collect ammunition for another attack to push Iraqi forces furhter back toward the border.

A large number of people interviewed by the reported are identified not regular as army personnel but as volunteers from different social groups. The reporter talks at length about ruined Iraqi transport vehicles and tanks on the Shalamcheh road and cites them as evidence to refute the BBC report concerning the capture of Khorramshahr by Iraqi forces. A volunteer claims that around 15 foreign reporters were taken around Khorramshahr by Iranian units. Films were taken and interviews recorded with Iranian soldiers.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAYOR IN SHIRAZ REPORTED

GF081755 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1500 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] According to a report from the public relations department office of the Fars governor general's office, Mr 'Enayatollah Sana'i has been appointed as the new mayor of Shiraz. He was formerly the governor of Jahrom.

TABRIZ RADIO ISSUES RED ALERT WARNING

GF081357 Tabriz Domestic Service in Azeri 1354 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] [Sound of siren] Dear listeners, please pay attention: The siren you have heard is an indication of an air raid. Please comply with all red alert regulations.

White Condition

GF081414 Tabriz Domestic Service in Azeri 1409 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Text] [sound of siren] Dear listeners: The siren you have just heard is the white condition. This means the air attack danger is over and you can leave the shelters.

TEHRAN: AIRLINER DIVERTED TO MASHHAD DUE TO RED ALERT

LD081810 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1733 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Statement No 134 of security headquarters of the Interior Ministry]

[Text] In His exalted name. It is brought to the attention of the Muslim nation of Iran that a 737 jumbo jet on flight number 730 from London to Tehran via Paris, which was due to land at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport tonight with 487 of our dear compatriots on board, because of the red alert condition in Tehran has landed instead at Mashhad airport and all its passengers are safe. Some of the passengers are in Mashhad's Tehran Hotel. The telephone numbers of the hotel are 40091-40095. The remaining passengers are at the Rose Hotel, telephone numbers 41002-41005.

[Signed] Tehran security headquarters

9 Oct Red Alert

LD091138 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1129 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Attention, Attention. The signal you will now hear is a danger signal, or red alert. Leave your places of work and go to shelters.

White Condition

LD091214 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1157 GMT 9 Oct 80

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Attention, attention. The signal you will hear now is to announce a normal conditon or condition white. It means that the attack has either ended or is no longer probable.

NVOI: U.S. ACCUSED OF INTERFERING IN CONFLICT

TA012045 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 1 Oct 80

[Unattributed commentary: "The Imam Says: The Most Important and Painful Problem Is the Issue of America"]

[Excerpt] Yes, all our misfortunes, our most important ailments and problems are all due to world-devouring U.S. imperialism. For more than 30 years U.S. imperialism was the real ruler of our homeland. The accursed Mohammad Reza was no more than a plaything in the hands of this world-devouring imperialism. For more than 30 years the United States plundered all our wealth and possessions, and in order to plunder even more and to continue this obvious and unchallenged plunder and looting, it shed the blood of tens of thousands of Iranian strugglers and crusaders, and transformed Iran into the prison and hell of [word indistinct] the security organization. Not a single family can be found in our homeland from which U.S. imperialism and its puppet regime did not claim at least one victim in order to [word indistinct] and consolidate its interests and privileges.

Our nation's admirable revolution, under the leadership of the imam of the nation, the great Khomeyni, put an end to all these privileges and the ominous domination of U.S. imperialism. With the liberation of our dear homeland--along with the elimination of the colonialist sources of U.S. imperialism in Iran--a strong blow was also dealt to the foundations of its domination in the region. The impact of this blow on U.S. imperialism was so severe that 20 months after the victory of the Iranian revolution it still has not come to its senses. For this reason it attempts futilely--even at the cost of shedding the blood of half of the liberated Iranian people--to renew the previous evil era in Iran and to consolidate its shaky position in the region.

During these 20 months it repeatedly engaged in various plots and conspiracies against the existence of our Islamic Republic. It committed military aggression against our homeland, and many times staged coup plots against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The hand of U.S. imperialism has been clearly seen in all the internal clashes. As in the present imposed war also--despite the futile attempt and endeavor of Carter and his administration to demonstrate U.S. neutrality--the leading and primary role of the CIA and Pentagon is entirely clear.

This same Mr Carter, during the very first moments of the start of war between Iraq and Iran, expressed pleasure and happiness and declared that he hopes that war against Iran will induce the leaders of this country to release the hostages. In the opinion of political observers, with this remark, Carter--even though indirectly--has openly acknowledged the interference of the U.S. Government in the war imposed on our homeland. The America that claims neutrality in the present war has concentrated more than 40 of its warships in the Persian Gulf and in the vicinity of our country. This same Mr Carter has ordered the military forces stationed in the Persian Gulf to be on alert. He has also dispatched to Saudi Arabia four AWACS equipped with sensitive radar.

When the leader of the Iranian revolution, the great Khomeyni, says that the most important and painful problem that confronts Muslim and non-Muslim countries under domination is the issue of America, this is an undeniable fact [word indistinct] (?based) on documents, proof and bitter experience. It is the duty of every patriotic Iranian interested in the destiny of the revolution and its gains--by recognizing the arch-enemy, his number one enemy, U.S. imperialism--to direct all his struggles, force and power against this enemy. In this connection, those who knowingly or unknowingly in any assembly and gathering, instead of paying attention to the main danger threatening our country by U.S. imperialism and its allies, place the East and West (?on the same level) without any proof and basis, are in fact striking at the gains of the revolution. It seems as though certain people are looking for an opportunity to involve the Soviet Union in any incident on the basis of a handful of rumors, without showing the slightest proof to justify this act.

Yes, as the imam of the nation says: Iran is officially fighting America, and our martyrs--these young and brave [word indistinct] of the army are defending Iran and dear Islam in the face of America. Anyone who in any way takes steps to weaken this holy struggle is in fact willingly or unwillingly aiding in the fulfillment of the plans of the arch-Satan.

NVOI CAUTIONS AGAINST RESTORATION OF TIES WITH U.S.

TA022008 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 2 Oct 80

[Unattributed commentary: "Let Us Consolidate Unity of Word and Action"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Our homeland's fighting people have risen with self-sacrifice to defend the sacred soil, (?their independence) and revolutionary gains.

Our liberated homeland is passing through sensitive and critical days. In such conditions, Iran's No 1 enemy, U.S. imperialism, is engaged in conspiracy, provocation and preparation of aggression against our country with utmost vigor. This is a fact to which even U.S. officials and the newspapers of that country attest. It is by bearing this fact in mind that Imam Khomeyni, leader of the Iranian revolution, has explicitly drawn the attention of the Iranian people to the real and principle danger which is aimed at our country by U.S. imperialism. Therefore, all the attention, power and effort of our nation should be (?exerted) toward repulsing and crushing these conspiracies and aggressions of U.S. imperialism, which are in the preparatory stage.

At the same time, in such sensitive conditions for our country, worrisome reports are being heard. Quoting American sources it is being said that certain measures have been taken by U.S. officials toward allegedly eliminating differences and establishing good relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is said that there are also certain people in our country, who by exploiting the present problems and difficulties of our country, have taken advantage of the opportunity and are endeavoring to allegedly forget the past, and to restore our country's relations with world-devouring U.S. imperialism under the pretext of obtaining weapons and military equipment from the United States.

In any case, such reports which emanate now and then from various sources, cannot but have a negative effect on our liberated people. It is certain that the remarks of a number of our country's officials and authorities--that allegedly East and West are in a state of war with Iran, and placing U.S. imperialism, enemy No 1 of the Iranian nation, in the same axis with the Soviet Government, the friend of the Iranian nation--will likely increase the negative effects in public opinion. This fact will at the same time lead to the diversion of the people's attention from the actual danger which is aimed at Iran by U.S. imperialism.

Today our country is passing through critical days. Moreover, our homeland is constantly exposed to the danger of the aggression of U.S. imperialism. Therefore, more than ever, Iran is in great need of internal unity and alliance and international solidarity. The socialist countries, headed by the Soviet Union, liberated countries, and the world's liberation and anti-imperialist movements are the natural allies of the liberated nation of Iran in its struggle against the plots, provocations and aggressions of U.S. imperialism. The application of a correct policy in line with the interests of our nation, in attracting more than ever these natural allies of the glorious revolution of the Iranian nation. [sentence as heard]

The revolution of the Iranian nation is a democratic, Islamic and anti-imperialist revolution, and as the imam of the nation says: Our revolution is continuing in this direction and should become even broader. It is only U.S. imperialism and its Western allies and a number of dependent reactionary regimes of the region that want to stifle this popular and anti-imperialist revolution and to destroy its gains. We should correctly identify friend from foe and should not create spurious enemies for the Iranian revolution.

Our homeland's people, during many years, have found out through experience who their friends and enemies are. Especially following the revolution's victory, the people saw how U.S. imperialism is acting against liberated Iran. Abortive coup plots, aggression against our homeland's territory, subversion and terror, which were carried out and continue to be carried out directly by the Americans or through their elements and lackeys against our Islamic Republic, are all proof of the bitter fact that U.S. imperialism is striving resolutely in the continuation of its hostility toward Iran, and this hostility lies in the imperialist nature of that government.

Today we should be more vigilant and alert than ever. The enemies of our nation, whether domestic or external, are engaged in intrigue and conspiracy. A certain group, by taking advantage of the [word indistinct] situation which has arisen in our homeland, are attempting to trample on the gains of the revolution of our homeland's people, and if possible, to strike a blow at our nation from within and to restore the previous conditions. Any kind of plot by the enemies of the Iranian revolution should be blocked through revolutionary vigilance and through unity of word and action.

NVOI CALLS FOR CONTINUED STRUGGLE AGAINST U.S.

TA081542 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 6 OCT 80

[Unattributed, untitled commentary]

[Text] Dear compatriots: Military clashes between our country and Iraq have made the situation in the Persian Gulf region more convulsive and have created serious threats to the security and stability of the whole region. At present the concern of all the progressive forces in the Near and Middle East is focused on a report concerning the dispatch of U.S. military units to Saudi Arabia under the pretext of defending the oil resources of this country. The AN-NIDA' newspaper published in Beirut assesses this measure of U.S. imperialism as a direct threat to all the nations of our region. The AN-NIDA' newspaper stresses that the (?dispatch) of 3,000 U.S. troops and AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia, the (?presence) of the U.S. naval force in the Persian Gulf region and the Arabian Sea, the plans for creating joint patrols by NATO members in the Strait of Hormuz, the provocative promises by As-Sadat to the United States in connection with the alleged saving of the Islamic world, are all proof of a large-scale plot by U.S. imperialism and local recation against the independence and national sovereignty of the nations of the Near and Middle East. This newspaper calls on Arab and Islamic countries to take reciprocal measures in the face of the conspiracies of imperialism and reaction by understanding their responsibility.

Without doubt, in the opinion of the progressive and true revolutionary forces of our homeland, defense of the homeland and the gains of the revolution are the first priority goals. At the same time these forces state that currently the attention and the thoughts of the ordinary people of our homeland are directed toward theSoviet Union which, in the opinion of many, can assist in putting an end to these clashes. In the present conditions the majority of our homeland's people believe that it is particularly world imperialism, and above all U.S. imperialism, that is the cause of disasters and misfortunes not only for our nation but for all the oppressed and deprived nations of the world.

Last year the United States fanned the fires of differences in the Near East, from the borders of Pakistan to Syria, from Ankara to Amman. Subversive acts, political and economic pressures, and direct military aggression are among the characteristics of the role that the U.S. plays in our disturbed and unstable region. This lack of tranquility and instability is itself also the result of the aggressive policy of the United States in our region for more than 30 years. It is particularly the United States that imposed the former shah on our people through a coup d'etat, and it was especially by relying on the United States that the traitorous shah preserved his shaky crown. It was the United States that armed the shah in order to transform Iran into the gendarme for preserving its plundering interests in the Persian Gulf. Finally it was the United States that decided to blockade Iran politically and economically and provoked the ethnic minorities against the central government through its elements and finally committed direct military aggressions against our homeland.

It is the United States that prevents the solution of the Palestine problem and consistently protects Israel and supports its aggressions against Lebanon. It is the United States that prevents the slightest decision against the forced occupation of the land of Palestine by Israel. It is the United States that cooked up the notorious Camp David agreement. (?When) the Zionist Israeli Army places bombs in people's homes in Jordan's West Bank, fires with machineguns and artillery at Palestine refugee camps in Lebanon, in all these terrorist acts the U.S. is responsible. It is the United States that--hand-in-hand with Beijing and Saudi Arabia, As-Sadat and Ziaul Haq--equips, arms and prepares fugitive and criminal Afghan members of the so-called association of strugglers on the path of freedom against the Afghan Government.

U.S. imperialism has placed the Near East under the vice of its pressure. For the sake of the plundering interests of the oil monopolies, the United States has resorted to the most disgraceful measures: Military aggression, subversive acts, terror, bloodshed, the murder of innocent people in our region, and particularly in our homeland.

Israeli aggression in southern Lebanon, subversive acts in Afghanistan, the expansion of the U.S. military presence in Oman, Somalia and Kenya, are all merely to preserve the evil interests of imperialism and oil monopolies and to eliminate the revolutionary gains of our homeland.

It is also for this reason that, while the people of our homeland are defending their territory, they cannot and must not ignore even for one moment the plots of U.S. imperialism. The struggle against U.S. imperialism was and is continuing.

NVOI: IRAQI WITHDRAWAL SUGGESTED AS FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACE

TA081641 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 7 Oct 80

[Unattributed commentary: "The Call of the Friends of the Iranian Nation"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The representatives of world public opinion and peace-loving forces are calling upon the leaders of our country and Iraq to search for ways to resolve points of differences and to end warfare. At the same time these forces believe that the first step on the path of establishing peace should be the withdrawal of all Iraqi military forces from our homeland's territory.

Without doubt, bloodshed between two Muslim nations is to the benefit of neither; for according to Fidel Castro, the leader of the Cuban nation, this is a war between two nations who are passing through a revolutionary stage, between two Muslim nations and two nonaligned countries who belong to the Third World and, above all, who live in a region that is rightly called the nerve center of the continent and through which more than 60 percent of the oil consumed by the West is transported.

This war (?disintegrates) the force that should confront imperialism, the force that should be used in battle against Israeli aggression, the force of the nonaligned countries belonging to the Third World. In fact, as the imam of the nation said: Neither our nation nor the Iraqi nation is in need of war and fratricide. War brings victims, destruction and economic defeat and threatens peace in the region. Our nation has taken serious steps in assembling revolutionary and Islamic forces for the struggle against imperialism, above all U.S. imperialism. The Muslim Iraqi nation--which struggled so much to overthrow the monarchy and for freedom--is also not in need of war.

The Iranian and Iraqi nations are part of the Islamic family that is struggling against imperialism and that has supported the heroic struggle of the Palestinian people with all its power. That which unites our nation is much more important than the points of differences between them. Military clashes between two Muslim countries only benefit imperialism, Zionism and regional reaction. It is these forces that are interested in the continuation of war between the two countries. These forces are well aware that should our people be (?weakened) they will not be able to resist the provocations and plots of the United States and Israel in the Near and Middle East.

Right now we are witnessing the transfer of AWACS planes along with hundreds of U.S. military experts, the increase of the units of the Rapid Deployment Force to 2,000 [as heard], the intensive activity of the British naval force and the attempt of the United States to establish an international naval force under the pretext of the alleged necessity of defending the Persian Gulf--all of which have posed real threats to the security, independence and national sovereignty of all the nations of our region.

In connection with this situation, the secretary general of the Moroccan progressive and socialist party writes in the AL-BAYAN newspaper that under no (?circumstances) should Washington be allowed to intervene militarily under the pretext of preserving freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz. The hope of Israel, which wants clashes between Iran and Iraq to continue as much as possible, should be eliminated.

Finally, As-Sadat's joy over the military clashes between Iran and Iraq is also very dangerous to all the Islamic world. It is of course no secret that As-Sadat has given the Pentagon permission to use Egypt's military bases.

All are aware at whom this U.S.-Egyptian maneuver is aimed. The secretary general of the Moroccan progressive and socialist party writes that it is for this reason that agreement between Iran and Iraq on ending the war and resolving differences through negotiation and peace is necessary.

According to foreign newspapers and news agencies, Leonid Brezhnev, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, also in connection with the necessity of resolving differences between our country and Iraq, stated: Neither Iran nor Iraq will benefit from mutual destrictuion and bloodshed and the obliteration of each other's economy. It is appropriate that Iran and Iraq act to settle that which can be resolved today through [word indistinct] of agreement, and that which they cannot settle today they should postpone until tomorrow when resolution will be possible and easier.

This is a sincere and wise counsel. However, will they listen to this call of reason in Baghdad? Iran can only sit at the negotiating table when the last Iraqi soldier has left our homeland's soil.

NVOI REJECTS CHAMRAN ACCUSATION OF SOVIET-U.S. COLLUSION

TA082200 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 8 Oct 80

[Unattributed commentary: "U.S. Imperialism and the Intensification of Tensions in Our Region"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: The carter administration is engaged in persuading the imperialist allies of the United States that they too should dispatch their naval forces to our region, allegedly to defend the Persian Gulf. Thus the Americans want to draw the attention of their allies to a diplomacy based on the stick against the revolutionary gains of the Iranian nation and all the liberated countries and the anti-imperialist movements of our region, including against the Muslim nation of Iraq--a nation whose leaders have imposed on it this fratricidal war.

It has now become obvious that in order to start military clashes between our country and Iraq, the CIA has not only not been idle, but has been active in this connection for a long time. In fact, precisely following the victory of the glorious revolution of the Iranian nation--which not only crushed one of the main bases of imperialism in the Near and Middle East, but had a great effect on the progress of the revolutionary movements in our region, especially in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian (?subcontinent)--the Americans started intrigue and conspiracy against it. Bloodthirsty world imperialism, international Zionism and reaction immediately engaged in false attacks angainst our nation's revolution, attacks which even now are continuing in the form of the savage and futile assault of imperialism against the liberation and national movements of the nations of our region and against the progressive and revolutionary forces of our region.

The principle leaders of these conspiracies and provocations--officials of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency--as part of a plot against our revolution and to weaken the anti-imperialist forces of the Iraqi people, hypocritically did as much as they could to disseminate false and provocative news and reports in order to start a fratricidal war between our country and the nations of the region. At the same time the CIA and imperialist news agencies engaged as much as they wanted and could in disseminating false reports and baseless rumors about the alleged concentration of Soviet forces on our country's borders and about the alleged support of the Soviet Union for Iraq's territorial claims against Iran.

Thus the Americans exerted all their efforts toward the creation of lack of confidence among our country's public regarding the natural allies of our people and the Muslim people of Iraq in the struggle angainst U.S. imperialism and Zionism. In fact, it must be said that with deep regret the Iraqi regime, in the present circumstances, has been transformed into a tool for the implementation of the provocations and plots of U.S. imperialism.

It should also be noted that these provocations by world-devouring U.S. imperialism are continuing in various forms. Again with deep regret a number of officials, whether willingly or unwillingly, knowingly or unknowingly, are rendering aid to the provocative plans of world-devouring U.S. imperialism and the CIA. As an example it is appropriate to refer to the [word indistinct] remarks of Mr Chamran, former defense minister of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at a press conference in Ahvaz. As we are aware, Mr Chamran is presently in Khuzestan as the special envoy of the imam and our president. At this conference, by utilizing the CIA arsenal of (?fabrications) and rumors, and contrary to the imam's guidelines, he again attacked the Soviet Union and claimed that, allegedly, the Soviet Union is directly or indirectly cooperating with the Americans in the military clashes between our country and Iraq. The interesting thing is that the evidence Mr Chamran cited in revealing these hidden secrets also comes from the American press and sources.

We are all aware that the agents of the CIA and Zionism are striving to sow discord and to create a spirit of no confidence between our nation and the Muslim Iraqi nation and their natural allies in the struggle against imperialism and Zionism. Thus anyone in any position who, in these sensitive conditions for our country, attempts to divert public opinion from the number one enemy of the Iranian nation--namely, U.S. imperialism--is the enforcer of U.S. plots. Perhaps Mr Chamran and his colleagues would like military clashes between our country and Iraq to be utilized by the Americans for armed aggression against Iran by the Rapid Deployment Force with the consequent dismemberment of Iran along the lines of Lebanon, so that in such conditions and under the protection of his American friends he would once again play in Iran that same old role that he once played in Lebanon. However, it is certain that this wish of Mr Chamran and his friends will never be fulfilled.

Of course, in connection with the war that has been imposed on our nation, conditions in the region are heading toward more tension. Currently, the United States is engaged in transferring its Marines--who are on full alert--to its military bases in Turkey, Egypt and Pakistan. It is being observed clearly that the Pentagon, by drawing the Western allies of the United States and Japan into its potential aggression in the region, especially against our homeland, intends to give its plot an international aspect. For this reason Washington has proposed that a conference be held to allegedly review decision for preserving the flow of oil from the Persian Gulf and that the problem of an international naval force should be discussed at this conference also. All this is evidence of the continuation of the extensive plots of U.S. imperialism against our homeland.

Our nation will defend every inch of its soil, and as long as a single foreign soldier is on the soil of our homeland there cannot be talk of negotiations. It is also certain that the plots of U.S. imperialism against our nation--which is fighting heroically under the leadership of the imam of the nation, the great Khomeyni--will be foiled.